

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-17 are now pending.

Claims 1-3, 6-10, and 13-17 stand rejected.

Claims 4, 5, 11, and 12 stand objected to.

Claims 1, 8, 15-17 have been amended.

The abstract has been amended.

Abstract

Page 2 of the June 9, 2005 Office Action (the "Office Action") indicates that the abstract is objected to because the abstract is a copy of the first paragraph of the summary. The abstract has been amended to address the concerns expressed in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request this objection be withdrawn.

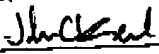
Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Appreciation is expressed for the indicated allowability of claims 4 – 5 and 11 – 12. In response, the Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate all of the limitations of claim 4 and have amended claim 8 to incorporate all of the limitations of claim 11. In addition, Applicants have amended claims 15 – 17 to incorporate limitations similar to the limitations of allowable claims 4 and 11.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 8, and 15 – 17 are allowable. Claims 2-3 and 4-7 depend from claim 1 and are allowable for at least this reason. Claims 9-10 and 11-14 depend from claim 8 and are allowable for at least this reason.

CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the numbers provided below.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being faxed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA, 22313-1450, on November 9, 2005.	
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